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Pesticide Prices
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had recently called a meeting with Pesticide Industry in order to bring down the pesticide prices in an effort to address the farmers grievances;

(b) if so, the details of the outcome thereof and the prices of pesticides that are likely to be brought down; and

(c) the other measures taken by the Government to address the grievances/problems of farmers across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): A meeting was convened on 15th June 2017, to deliberate on prices of generic pesticides. It was decided that the Pesticide Associations will provide last three years data on Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of fast moving high consumption generic pesticide and their formulated products.

(c): The Government is implementing "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" Scheme, wherein, Farmers Field Schools (FFSs) are being organized to sensitise famers about Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach so as to reduce dependence on chemical pesticides and encourage use of bio-pesticides and other alternative plant protection measures. In addition, Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market (NAM), Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) are some of the schemes, inter alia, which are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for the betterment of the farmers.

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